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Examiner: R. Negin

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 12, 2009 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20090113), for which a response is due on February 12, 2010. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.